"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

Tonite - Thursday, April 2 - Curtis Mast of the VPI Animal Science Department will discuss "Sire Selection" at the Pamplin School, 7:30.

This program is a phase of the program sponsored by the Vo-Ag Department.

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On April 9 the Spring Feeder Sale begins at 1:00 p.m. 2200 calves have been nominated for this sale. We expect this to be one of the outstanding sales in recent years.

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Flue Tobacco growers indicate that again this year over 50 percent of the 55,000 acres will be planted to Coker 319.

The two new varieties, Speight G-28 and McNair 14, will account for 16 percent of the 1970 crop.

Hicks Broadleaf, one of the all-time favorites, will account for less than 3 percent of the crop.

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There are many families that are looking for extra income. Added income may come when the head of the family takes a second job, or the wife finds employment outside the home.

In five counties of Southwest Virginia a strawberry project was begun to show how income could be increased with berries. Records demonstrate the profitableness of this program. Yields ranged from 6,000 to 10,000 quarts per acre. On one-half acre plant growers netted $1400 to $2000.

There's room for this kind of business in Appomattox County.

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In recent years two new 4-H projects have expanded quite rapidly, Dog Care and Light Horse and Ponies. There are good reasons why young people should choose one of these projects.

Dog training primarily teaches children, not dogs. It teaches good human relations. I say, "Never start to train your dog unless you are willing to learn from him. He can teach you infinitely more than you can teach him."

My favorite quote about animal training is from the book Horses by Margaret Cabell Self: "But beware of one thing -- to a great extent animals mirror the dispositions and characters of their owners! The master may seek in every way possible to develop and train his dog or horse to be gentle, brave, steady and courageous, but if he himself is nervous, timid, erratic or mean, the animal will, after a comparatively short association, begin to show these same traits."

Though more attitudes such as loyalty and responsibility are involved, be prepared to learn the following:

Empathy -- your pet cannot see your viewpoint, you must see his.

How to be quick with praise -- It is his only way of knowing what you want him to do.

Acceptance of others unlike yourself -- You can't change him into a human with speech and hands.

Observation and Communication -- You must learn to use pantomime, "body-english," facial expression, tone of voice; you must listen to him, serve him and interpret his wants.

Compassion and Kindness.

Hopefully, after practicing these six attitudes on a dog, the child will carry them over into his human relations. It is impossible to have poor human relations with their use and impossible to be a good dog trainer with out them.

Animal training is a golden method of teaching the virtues. Nutrition for example; teenagers that will not eat properly; perhaps would think more about nutrition after feeding their pets a good diet.

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Leaf Growers Will Measure Their Own Fields This Year

Fire-cured and sun-cured tobacco growers in Appomattox County will measure and report their tobacco acreages in 1970 instead of an ASCS reporter visiting the farm to measure the acreage for them, in reminding growers of this change in fire and sun-cured tobacco program requirements for 1970, Mr. J. P. Alvis, Jr., Chairman, ASC county committee, pointed out that this will greatly reduce the cost of administering the program as well as giving the growers a more responsible role.

Growers have been doing a very good job in determining their acreages in past years, Mr. Alvis said. In 1969, 497 growers of the 511 were found to have complied with their fire and sun-cured allotment when the acreage was measured by a reporter on a farm visit. He further stated that growers who feel they need help in measuring their acreages may request measurement service through the county ASCS office. The grower must pay for this measurement service he added, but the charges are very reasonable, pointing out that 198 producers used measurement service last year in Appomattox County to make sure they planted the full allotment and to prevent the expense of having to adjust for overplanting.

Attend Meet

Fidelity National Bank held its Annual Officers Meeting on March 25 at the Stewart Arms Hotel in Lynchburg. Attending the meeting were 110 bank officers from throughout the Fidelity system in Central and Southside Virginia.

The afternoon business session opened with a message from Frank Wohst. J. Lyons Davidson, Chairman of the Board, closed the meeting with a short talk on future plans.

Bank officers from Appomattox who attended the meeting were Floyd L. Eggleston, vice president and manager; Roy T. Bennett, Assistant vice president and Loan Officer; and Floyd E. Williams, Branch Manager, the Hillcrest Branch.

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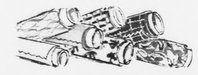

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R.E. Lee Holds Farmer Initiation

Bill Dudley, State FFA Treasurer, presents David Knight and James Torrence with their Chapter Farmer Certificate.

The Robert E. Lee Chapter of the Future Farmers of America met on Tuesday night, March 24, with President, Tom Franklin presiding. The purpose of this meeting was to initiate 81 Greenhands to the degree of Chapter Farmer.

After the initiation the boys were given a talk on "Keys to Success" by State Treasurer, Bill Dudley. One of the vo-ag advisors, Mr. Carter also gave a talk on the instruction the boys received in vocational agriculture classes. The meeting was then adjourned. Refreshments and an open house were held in the Agriculture Building.

The candidates receiving their Chapter Farmer Degrees were: Donald Austin, Billy Baldwin, Kenneth Brown, Michael Burcher, Ronald Campbell, Keith Carter, Lawrence Chambers, Dennis Chenault, Glenn Cumbie, Warren Davis, Doug Doss, David Drinkard, Clifton Ferguson, William Fielder, Rector Foster, Kenneth Franklin, Maxwell Gafford, Steve Goin, James Goode, Charles Gunter, T. C. Harvey, Kenneth Henderson, Gary Hudson, Harry Jones, David Knight, Milton Lamberth, Robert Layne, William Lewis, Phillip Lucado, Tony McFadden, Allen Marsh, Donald Martin, James Miller, Calvin Mitchell, Marvin Mitchell, Robert Mobley, Jessie Moorman, Andrew Moore, Kenneth Mosley, Joseph Mottley, Clarence Napier, Kenneth O'Brien, Eddie Pennix, Ronnie Robinson, Thomas Sadler, James John, Michael Scruggs, Warren Seay, John Smith, Nathan Snell, Dennis Stanley, Mark Stratton, Steve Tanner, L. M. Thomas, Bill Tolbert, Emmitt Tolbert, Russell Tomlin, James Torrence, Denis Totty, Lee Trotter, Wayne Tweedy, Sammy Waddell, Dave Walker, Douglas Webb, David Wheeler.

COUNTY LINE

Hope everyone had a nice Easter week end.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Mayberry over the week end were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mayberry and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Faye Collier and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Doss and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mayberry and family and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann.

Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Mann were Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Mann and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Mann of Fort Lee, Va.

Sunday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann were Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Mann and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miniates, and Mr. and Mrs Robert Mann and son.

Little Missie Layne, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash returned home Saturday from the Lynchburg General Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Arthur Mullins and children spent Friday with Mrs Jimmy Howard and baby and were dinner guests of Mrs. Mary Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nash and Cheryl were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Nash and Cecil. Supper guests Sunday night were Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann and boys and Mr. Loyd Nash. Miss Amy Evans also visited in this home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nash and Cheryl and Mrs. Elliott Nash visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Howard and baby Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Layne and baby Sunday.

Vera Man Injured In Fire

J. Wesley Gull, 64, of Vera was badly injured while fighting a fire Wednesday afternoon, March 25, on a neighbor's property.

Gull was rushed by the Appomattox Rescue Squad first to Lynchburg and then to the burn ward of the Medical College of Virginia Hospital with burns on the upper half of his body.

According to Chief Fire Warden David M. Smith, Harley Rach was burning off a field behind his home on State Rt. 24 about 4:15 p.m. when the fire got out of control. Smith and county forester Warren Taylor were in the vicinity and arrived to check on what appeared to be an explosion.

The fire, they said, had spread to land on which Russell Franklin had placed a trailer and set both the trailer and an outbuilding on fire. As Gull was fighting the fire between the trailer and the outbuilding a sixty-gallon drum exploded.

CHESTNUT GROVE

The Rev. David Brooks of Campbell County conducted the Sunday worship service at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church. He brought a very meaningful Easter message. He and Mrs. Brooks and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sengers.

Mrs. Roger Morris and Mrs. Joe Harris attended a leader training meeting at Buckingham last Wednesday.

While the Rev. William H. Voorhes of Wake Forest, N.C. was conducting revival services at Maysville Baptist Church at Buckingham C. H. last week, Mrs. Voorhes was house guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris and Cyndee was the guest of The Joe Harris girls. The majority of the community attended the services at Maysville to hear their former pastor.

Wayne Cook of Lynchburg is spending his spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook.

Those attending the Group Meeting at the Union Baptist Church Thursday were Mrs. W. T. Cook, Mrs. Bob Bryan, Mrs. Joe Harris, Mrs. Roger Morris, Karen and Faye Harris and Cyndee Voorhes.

Mr. and Mrs. Gil Price of Richmond spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Repass.

Mrs. Roger Morris gave a joint birthday party Saturday night for their two youngest children Sandi and Sarah. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris, Terry, Donna and Faye; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan; Robert and Rhonda Morgan; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Glover and Renee; Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris, and S. E. Morris.

Sunday visitors in the W. T. Cook home were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cook, Kenneth and Randy of Farmville.

Sympathy from this community is extended to Mrs. Willie Jennings in the death of Mr. Jennings. Mrs. Jennings was formally from this community and the sister of Mrs. R. L. Harris. Several from here attended the funeral Friday at Bethelehem Church, Darlington Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris and children were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rice Seay at Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Normant and Mrs. Katherine Godsey, all of Richmond visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Harris, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris and family attended the fifth Sunday song services at Wesleyan Methodist Church near Arvonia Sunday night.

Bonita and Karen Harris spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Manis of Farmville.

Mr. Jack Silby has returned home from the Southside Community Hospital. We hope he will soon be well.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baldwin and family of Rustburg spent Sunday and Monday with her mother, Mrs. Ruth Beasley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morris at Evergreen Sunday.

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